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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

November 1, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SHARICE DAVIDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

CONGRESS MUST WORK TOGETHER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, attempting to push through yet another socialist spending spree this year might be what liberals think will help their polling numbers, but it is not what the American people need.

In reality, this bill would exacerbate our energy crisis and make our country less safe.

The reckless spending in this legislation can best be defined as build back bankruptcy.

Right now, in my hometown of Altoona, Pennsylvania, gas costs over \$3.50 a gallon. That is money coming directly out of Americans' pockets. If this spending spree is passed, that cost will only go up.

So far, the Biden administration has placed a moratorium on new American drilling, canceled the Keystone XL pipeline, and allowed the Russians to produce oil for our allies in Europe. This legislation, unfortunately, doubles down on the Biden administration's war on American energy.

This lengthy piece of legislation overregulates and overtakes the natural gas, coal, and Marcellus shale industries that provide good wages and low-cost power to American families.

Instead of supporting American energy, this bill hands out green energy tax credits to wind and solar manufacturers that are unable to meet the energy needs of our country. Wind turbines and solar panels are not going to heat our homes this winter.

We need to focus on regaining America's energy independence. We need to focus on lowering energy costs before winter sets in.

This inflation is not transitory. We cannot wish this problem away.

Passing the Green New Deal dressed up as infrastructure legislation is not the answer to the problem that we are currently facing.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members of this body to work together to pass an infrastructure bill that would actually rebuild our roads and rebuild our bridges.

In Congress, we must be responsible stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. We need to find a fiscally responsible way to build roads and to repair bridges.

We need to complete the Appalachian regional highway system, and we need to expand internet access to all citizens across the Commonwealths, across the States, and across America. We need to do this without mortgaging our

children's future. We need to do this without ballooning our deficit in a way that would hamstring the American people for decades to come.

PAYOUTS TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, the American people are wondering: What is the Biden administration thinking?

Last week, The Wall Street Journal reported that the Department of Justice is negotiating a settlement that would give \$450,000 per person to illegal immigrants. For a parent and child, the payout increases to \$900,000.

To put this in context, if a service member is killed in action, their next of kin receives an insurance payment of \$400,000. What this means is that the Biden administration will pay illegal immigrants more than the families of America's fallen heroes.

That fact alone is repulsive. These people broke the law by illegally entering our country, and now they are about to receive a payout from the government.

That is the kind of welfare mentality that is corrupting this country and will do nothing but encourage more illegals to try to enter our country.

Shame on President Biden and his administration.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, behind every man and woman in uniform are family members who exhibit great resilience while their loved ones serve this great country.

No matter their backgrounds or where life's journey has taken them, these families are all connected by service and their collective love for America.

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